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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural-Business Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA

Action: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR, part 1951, subpart R,

"Rural Development Loan Servicing."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by (insert date 60 days from date of publication in the Federal Register), to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Washington, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA, STOP 3225, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-3225, Telephone: (202) 720-1400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Development Loan Servicing.

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OMB Number: 0570-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2012

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The regulations contain various requirements for information from the intermediaries

and some requirements may cause the intermediary to require information from ultimate

recipients. The information requested is vital to RBS for prudent loan servicing, credit decisions,

and reasonable program monitoring.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to

average 3 hours per response.

Respondents: Non-profit corporations, public agencies, and cooperatives.

Estimated number of Respondents: 465

Estimated number of responses: 4,173

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 11,992 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and

Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0010

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COMMENTS:

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the

proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBS estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of

information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to

enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to

minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including

through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological

collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to

Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of

Agriculture, Stop 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. All

responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All

comments will also become a matter of public record.

November 29, 2011

Judith A. Canales

Administrator

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

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